

## PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

## PM MODI'S LATEST WARNING TO PAKISTAN: 'FIGHT AGAINST TERROR HAS NEITHER ENDED NOR HALTED'

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday warned Pakistan that Operation Sindoor was "just an arrow " in India's "quiver" and underlined that the war on terror is neither over nor has it come to a halt.

"The enemy has seen the power of Operation Sindoor. They should understand that this is just one arrow in our quiver," Modi said while addressing an event in Bihar's Karakat. "India's fight against terrorism has neither stopped nor halted."

Modi also likened terror to a serpent, saying, "If it raises its hood again, it will be dragged out of its hole and trampled". The prime minister was addressing the rally in Karakat, around 140 km from Patna, after inaugurating development projects worth close to ₹50,000 crore.

During the rally, Modi recalled his visit to Madhubani district last month after the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that left 26 people dead. "I had come to Bihar a day after the dastardly attack in Pahalgam, where many of our sisters had lost their husbands. I had promised that the perpetrators would get a punishment that they could not even dream of. Today, I am back in Bihar, after having delivered on the promise," Modi said. Further referring to India's Operation Sindoor, Modi said that Pakistan and the world have seen the power of "sindoor" (vermilion) of the daughters of India.



## REVANTH REDDY

## PAK'S BABBAR, HINDUSTAN'S GABBAR: BJP SLAMS REVANTH REDDY OVER RAFALE REMARK



**Diary Times Desk :** BJP leaders Amit Malviya and Sambit Patra on Friday lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for their remarks on Rafale fighter jets, accusing them of parroting Pakistan's narrative and questioning the Indian armed forces.

Addressing a press conference, BJP MP Sambit Patra said the Congress only claims to stand with the nation, but its leaders consistently attack the military. "The 'saboot gang' (evidence gang) is at it again," Patra said, referring to repeated demands from Congress leaders for proof of India's military action. "Instead of asking how many Pakistani air bases were destroyed or how many terrorists were killed, Rahul Gandhi is only interested in knowing how many Indian planes were shot down," he added. "Yeh jo Pakistan ke Babbar hain, woh Hindustan ke Gabbar hain," Patra said.

"Sonia Gandhi cried for slain terrorists. Rahul Gandhi celebrated after 26/11. Now, Revanth Reddy, Rahul Gandhi, and Jairam Ramesh are questioning how many Indian aircraft were lost," he said. Patra asserted that India had destroyed 9 terror camps and 11 Pakistani air bases, with clear satellite images presented as evidence. "If a Rafale had crashed, there would be wreckage and proof. There is none," he said, slamming Congress for spreading doubt. Taking aim at the Congress' 'Jai Hind Yatra', Patra said, "It's beginning to look like 'Pakistan ki Hind Yatra'. There are now two factions in Congress, one that openly supports Pakistan and another that wants to stand with India but is silenced by leaders like Rahul Gandhi. They should stop this yatra and hold a joint press conference with Pakistan instead."

ANKITA BHANDARI MURDER CASE: FORMER BJP LEADER'S SON, 2  
OTHERS GET LIFE TERM IN UTTARAKHAND

**Diary Times Desk :** After nearly three years of legal battles, a local court in Uttarakhand convicted and sentenced three men to life imprisonment for the murder of a 19-year-old hotel receptionist, who was pushed into a canal. The three convicted – Pulkit Arya (the son of a now-expelled BJP leader) and his two associates, Saurabh Bhaskar and Ankit Gupta – were found guilty under Sections 302 (murder), 201 (destruction of evidence), 120B (criminal conspiracy), and 354A (sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code, along with relevant provisions of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. After the verdict was announced and the cops were set to take the three accused back to prison, a brief moment of one of the convicts smiling and waving at the public was captured on camera. Before the hearing, the mother of the victim spoke to media persons and demanded death punishment for the perpetrators. Ankita Bhandari, a young receptionist at the Vanantra Resort in Yamkeshwar near Rishikesh, had been working at the property for less than a month when she was brutally murdered on the night of September 18, 2022. According to the investigation, Pulkit Arya – owner of the resort – and his two employees pushed Ankita into the Cheela canal after she allegedly resisted pressure to offer "special services" to resort guests.



HOUSES DAMAGED, POWER  
DISRUPTED AS HEAVY RAIN  
POURS MISERY IN KERALA

**Diary Times Desk :** Houses in low-lying areas of Kerala were flooded in heavy rain, while the accompanying strong winds uprooted trees, damaged homes and caused power disruptions, throwing normal life into disarray across the state. In Thrissur, Kannur and Kasaragod districts, there were reports of several homes getting flooded due to the heavy rain, forcing people to move to relief camps. Not just homes, but many roads in these districts and other parts of the state were also inundated. In Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Idukki districts, heavy rain and strong winds uprooted trees and damaged electricity poles and transformers, leading to partial and complete destruction of hundreds of homes and power disruptions for hours, according to the authorities. It will be a holiday for educational institutions in Kottayam district on Saturday, district authorities said.

FIRST BATCH OF 17 WOMEN CADETS GRADUATES FROM  
NDA ALONGSIDE OVER 300 MALE PEERS



**Diary Times Desk :** The prestigious National Defence Academy on Friday witnessed history as the first batch of 17 female cadets marched alongside more than 300 male counterparts towards the 'Antim Pag' in a spectacular display of integration. A flypast by three majestic Su-30 aircraft was a fitting accompaniment to the occasion as the cadets of the tri-services training academy's first co-ed batch went past the 'Antim Pag' at Khetrapal Parade Ground on their way to bring more laurels to an institution widely hailed as the "cradle of leadership". The first batch of women cadets joined the NDA's 148th course in 2022 after the Union Public Service Commission allowed women to apply to the defence academy following a Supreme Court direction in 2021. "Every moment, every difficulty we went through, each emotion in all these three years we spent at the academy is worth it," said Divisional Cadet Captain Harsimran Kaur, whose parents were beaming with joy and pride at their daughter's feat.

INDIGO TOLD TO END TURKISH AIRLINES LEASE AMID  
ROW OVER TURKIYE'S SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN

**Diary Times Desk :** Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday granted a one-time final extension of three months to IndiGo on damp leasing of two Boeing 777 aircraft from Turkish Airlines till August 31 to avoid sudden flight disruptions that will cause inconvenience to passengers but directed the airline to terminate the lease within the three-month period. IndiGo has also been directed by DGCA not to seek any further extension. The development also comes against the backdrop of Turkiye backing Pakistan and condemning India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country earlier this month. On May 15, aviation security watchdog BCAS revoked the security clearance for Turkish company Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd in the "interest of national security". Some online travel portals and associations have also issued advisories asking people not to visit Turkiye. Currently, IndiGo is operating two B777-300 ER aircraft under damp lease from Turkish Airlines and the current lease is to expire on May 31. These planes are used by IndiGo to operate direct flights from Delhi and Mumbai to Istanbul.



### YOUR HOROSCOPE

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**Aries**  
Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

**Taurus**  
Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

**Gemini**  
Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

**Leo**  
Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

**Libra**  
Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

**Sagittarius**  
Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

**Aquarius**  
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

**Cancer**  
Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

**Virgo**  
Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.

**Scorpio**  
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

**Capricorn**  
Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

**Pisces**  
Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.





## HIMACHAL : CM SUKHU HONoured THE FAMILIES AND BRAVE SOLDIERS OF 52 MARTYRS WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THE COUNTRY

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu presented cheques of Rs 30 lakh as financial assistance to father Garaj Singh and son Abhishek of martyr Subedar Major Pawan, who made the supreme sacrifice in Operation Sindoor. He gave a cheque of Rs 15 lakh to Jameela, wife of Kirti Chakra winner martyr Naik Dilbar Khan, and a cheque of Rs 10 lakh to Bharat Laxmi, wife of martyr Havildar Rohit Kumar. During this, the CM honoured the families of 52 martyrs and brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the country. The Chief Minister honoured Sujata Kumari, wife of Kirti Chakra winner martyr Subedar Sanjeev Kumar of Bilaspur district, Bhajan and Mata Dasi, wife of martyr Sepoy Pawan Kumar of Shimla, Snehlata from the family of martyr Sepoy Jagdish Chand of Chamba, Sunita Devi, wife of Kirti Chakra winner Rajindra Singh from Solan, and Kehar Singh, father of Veer Chakra winner Colonel Sanjeev Singh of Kangra. Satpal Kalra, father of Veer Chakra winner martyr Captain Amol Kalra of Una, Captain Roop Lal of Bilaspur, Captain Sukhdev Singh of Una, Kamlesh Rana, wife of Captain Bhagwan Singh Rana of Kangra, Meena Kumari, wife of martyr Havildar Ramesh Kumar of Hamirpur.



## HIMACHAL NEWS: CHIEF SECRETARY SAID- SJPN SHOULD ENSURE PIPED DRINKING WATER IN SHIMLA AS PER IS 10500

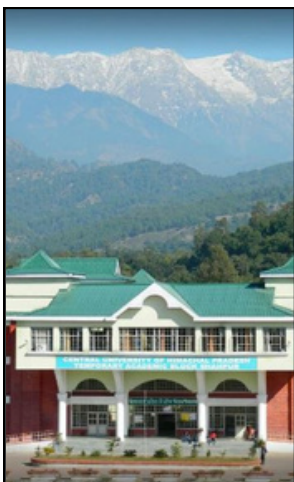
**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena has directed Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPN) to implement piped drinking water management system as per IS 10500. IS 10500 specifies the quality of potable water. On Friday, a meeting of the State Level Standardization Committee (SLC) was organized at the Secretariat by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Parwanoo branch office in collaboration with the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs. It was chaired by Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena. The Chief Secretary also directed all departments to nominate nodal officers for training organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards under capacity building. Departments were stressed on ensuring compliance with quality control orders. Departments were directed to purchase products in accordance with Indian standards. The Chief Secretary stressed the need to promote the Care App through the departmental websites of the state government. Secretaries of various departments, representatives of educational institutions, industry associations.

## PAKISTANI SPY ABHISHEK: AGENCIES WILL NOW INTERROGATE THE ACCUSED ABHISHEK, FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** The police department team is busy interrogating Abhishek Bhardwaj, the youth arrested on charges of endangering India's sovereignty. It is being told that in the coming days, many intelligence agencies can also interrogate the accused youth. The accused youth Abhishek had taken admission in college but left it midway and currently he was doing a certificate course in a computer center and also used to do part time catering work. After gathering all the information, the technical and cyber cell team of the police raided the house of the accused youth yesterday and arrested him. The cyber team is also investigating the social media and friend circle in the youth's phone. The police has sent the seized phone of the accused youth Abhishek Bhardwaj to the forensic lab. The police suspects that the youth has deleted a lot of content from his social media account. After the deleted content is recovered in the forensic lab, the picture of the youth's activities will become clear. Only through the forensic team will it be known whether he himself uploaded the bullet video or someone got it done. Also, from where did he get this video. All these things are still a matter of investigation. Meanwhile, District Dehra's Superintendent of Police Mayank Chaudhary said that after the police received secret information about the accused youth, the police team worked on both technical.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: NOW STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DO MBA AND MCA ONLINE FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh Central University will provide online education in five courses from July. For this, a distance learning and online education center has been established in the Central University. With the start of online education, the Central University will provide quality education at the doorstep of students from across the country as well as from other countries. According to the information, Himachal Pradesh Central University is going to provide online education facility to students in five subjects. These five subjects include MBA, MCA, MA History, MA Economics and MA Political Science. Vice Chancellor of Central University Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal said that the CU administration is going to start online education in the interest of students. He said that by providing online education facility to the students, they will be able to get education at home, which will benefit them in future. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal said that the 9th convocation of CU will be held in August-September. Invitations will be sent to President Draupadi Murmu and Union Education Minister to participate in the ceremony. He said that the CU administration has started preparations for the convocation. Invitations have been sent to the Union Education Secretary and others for the convocation proposed on June 17 and 18.



## HIMACHAL PRADESH CABINET MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 31ST MAY, THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN TAKE PLACE

**Diary Times Desk :** A cabinet meeting will be held at 12 noon on Saturday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. In the meeting to be held at the State Secretariat, action taken against three senior officials in the case of death of Power Corporation Chief Engineer late Vimal Negi will be discussed. The government has currently sent Additional Chief Secretary Omkar Sharma, DGP Atul Verma and SP Sanjeev Gandhi on leave. The opinion of all the ministers will also be taken regarding the next action to be taken against them. In the meeting, the filling of vacant posts in various departments and the budget announcements of the Chief Minister will be approved.

## MANDI NEWS: THE BODY OF A WOMAN WHO FELL INTO THE BEAS WAS FOUND IN PANDOH DAM, SHE FELL INTO THE RIVER WHILE CUTTING GRASS

**Diary Times Desk :** The body of a woman who fell into the Beas while cutting grass near Nagwain on May 18 was recovered from the Pandoh dam on Thursday. When the CISF personnel posted at the Pandoh dam saw the body of the woman, they informed the Pandoh police post. The team of Pandoh police post and Mandi Sadar police station reached the spot along with the SDRF and took out the body of the woman from the water. The body was sent to the Zonal Hospital Mandi for post-mortem and identification. It was learned from the Bhuntar police station that a woman had fallen into the Beas on May 18. On this basis, the family members of the woman were brought to the Zonal Hospital Mandi for identification. The body has been identified as Meera Devi, wife of late Ludar Chand, resident of Tharas Post Office Hurla Tehsil Bhuntar District Kullu. The family members of the woman had also lodged a complaint in the police station. SP Sakshi Verma said that after conducting the post-mortem of the body, it has been handed over to the family members. The body of a woman has been found from Pandoh Dam in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. The deceased has been identified as 55-year-old Meera Devi, a resident of Hurla-Tharas. Meera Devi fell into the Beas river while cutting grass near Nagwain bridge on May 18.

WILL GO AHEAD WITH SIANG DAM ONLY AFTER PUBLIC NOD, SAYS ARUNACHAL CM AMID PROTESTS

**Diary Times Desk :** Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu on Friday said a public hearing would be conducted once the pre-feasibility report for the proposed Siang Upper Multipurpose Hydropower Project (SUMHP) is completed and underlined that the consent of local residents would be key to the government's decision on the project. The chief minister's comments come days after a meeting on the pre-feasibility report (PFR) for the contentious project in Upper Siang district spiralled into chaos on May 27 after villagers opposing the mega hydropower project stormed into the meeting and disrupted the proceedings. Khandu stressed that the PFR was a preliminary, non-intrusive assessment only focused on geological viability. "Once the PFR is complete, we will hold a public hearing and only proceed based on the will of the people," he said. The report, he noted, will identify the likely submergence areas, the number of affected villages, and necessary mitigation measures.

'KILL THAT WOMAN': SHOCKING 2021 AUDIO OF MAHARASHTRA DOCTOR ON COVID PATIENT PROMPTS PROBE

**Diary Times Desk :** Maharashtra police have registered an FIR against a senior government doctor for allegedly instructing another medic to "kill" a Covid-19 patient during the second wave of the crisis in 2021. The accused, Dr Shashikant Deshpande, who was the additional district surgeon at Udgir Government Hospital during the second wave of the pandemic, was caught in an audio clip, which surfaced online earlier this month, according to news agency PTI. The clip, which went viral on social media, allegedly captured a conversation between Dr Deshpande and Dr Shashikant Dange. In the audio, the doctor can be heard saying, "Don't allow anyone to go inside, just kill that Dayami woman." The patient in question, Kausar Fatima, was admitted with Covid-19 symptoms on April 15, 2021, and later recovered after a 10-day stay. Kausar survived. Her husband, Dayami Ajimoddin Gaussoddin, has now registered a formal police complaint, saying he was present when the alleged conversation took place. As per the FIR, Gaussoddin said he overheard the call while sitting beside Dr Dange, who had placed the phone on speaker while eating lunch.

BJP ON CONGRESS LEADER'S 'RAHUL GANDHI WOULD'VE TAKEN POK BACK' REMARKS: 'HILARIOUS'



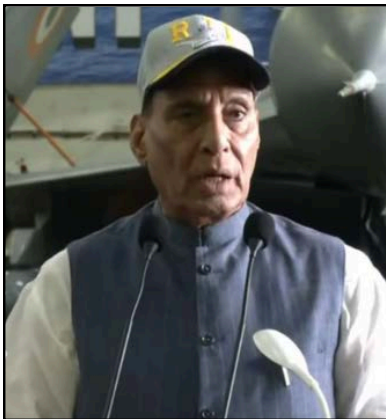
**Diary Times Desk :** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday reacted to Telangana chief minister Revanth Reddy's statement that "had Rahul Gandhi been the prime minister, India would have taken PoK (Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) back". Union minister and BJP leader Jitendra Singh termed the comments "hilarious" and said PoK would have existed "had Jawaharlal Nehru not been the PM of India". "It is hilarious if any Congress leader says that if Rahul Gandhi was the PM of India, the PoK would have been India's part. But the fact is that had Rahul Gandhi's great maternal grandfather, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, not been the PM of India, the PoK would not have been today. It is the result of his actions that first, the nation was divided, then Jammu and Kashmir," Union minister Jitendra Singh told ANI.

2 SHIFTS CREATE "ARBITRARINESS": SUPREME COURT ON NEET-PG 2025 EXAM SCHEDULE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court has directed that National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), a national-level entrance exam for admission to undergraduate medical courses, should be conducted in one shift instead of two. The top court was hearing a petition challenging a notification on holding NEET-PG 2025 examination in two shifts. The court said that holding the exam in two shifts "creates arbitrariness" and directed National Testing Agency (NTA) to make arrangements for holding the exam in one shift. The NEET-PG exam is scheduled to be held on June 15. "The question papers in two shifts can never be of the same difficulty level. Last year, it (NEET-PG 2024) may have been held in two shifts in the facts and circumstances of that stage. But the examining body ought to have considered making arrangements for holding the examination in one shift," the bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath, and also comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and N V Anjaria, observed while giving the judgement.

'PAKISTAN PLEADED WITH WORLD TO STOP INDIA': RAJNATH SINGH IN GOA COMMENDS FORCES' ON OP SINDOOR

**Diary Times Desk :** Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said that India's strike during Operation Sindoor was so intense that "Pakistan began pleading with the entire world to stop India." He credited the speed, depth, and clarity of the armed forces, calling their response "remarkable." "Our strike was so powerful that Pakistan began pleading with the entire world to stop India," he said, addressing naval warriors aboard INS Vikrant during his visit to Goa. India had launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 in retaliation to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, carrying out precise strikes across the border targeting terror infrastructure inside Pakistan. Singh issued a strong warning to Pakistan, saying, "We will use every method against terror that Pakistan can think of, and will also not hesitate to use those which Pakistan can't even think of." Speaking of the success of the mission, he said, "In just a short span of time, we demolished Pakistan's terrorist bases and its intentions."



"DISAPPOINTED": SHASHI THAROOR AS COLOMBIA CONDEMNS DEATHS IN PAK AFTER OP SINDOOR

**Diary Times Desk :** Expressing disappointment over Colombia's condolences for the lives lost in Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said there can no equivalence between those who dispatch terrorists and those who defend themselves. Mr Tharoor, along with a delegation comprising of MPs, is in Colombia as part of the government's global outreach to to convey India's strong resolve to fight terrorism. "We were a little disappointed in the reaction of the Colombian government, which apparently expressed heartfelt condolences on the loss of lives in Pakistan after the Indian strikes, rather than sympathising with the victims of terrorism," he said. The Thiruvananthapuram MP reiterated that New Delhi has concrete proof that Pakistan-sponsored terror was behind the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 26 civilians were massacred. "We are only exercising our right of self-defence.

'118 PAKISTANI POSTS DESTROYED': AMIT SHAH LAUDS BSF RETALIATION TO SHELLING, SAYS 'PAK WOULD TAKE YEARS TO OVERCOME'

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday, May 30, lauded the Border Security Force (BSF) for its strong retaliation to Pakistan shelling earlier this month after an anti-terror operation, saying Islamabad would take years to recover from the damage it has sustained. India carried out strikes at multiple locations inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on May 7 in its response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 in which 26 persons, mostly tourists, lost their lives. Praising the BSF response to Pak hostilities, Amit Shah said the forces destroyed and damaged over 118 Pakistani posts along the Jammu frontier. He said the border guarding force had dismantled the enemy's surveillance network, dealing a significant blow that would take them years to repair. "When Pakistan responded to our anti-terror operations by attacking our borders and civilian areas, it was the BSF jawans of the Jammu Frontier who retaliated by destroying.



**1,080 INDIANS DEPORTED FROM US  
SINCE JANUARY 2025: FOREIGN  
MINISTRY**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Ministry of External Affairs informed on Thursday that India has close cooperation with the United States regarding migration issues, especially the deportation of Indian nationals with illegal status. Since January 2025, approximately 1080 Indians have been deported from the United States, with about 62 per cent of them returning through commercial flights. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that, "We have close cooperation between India and the United States on migration issues, on deportation of Indian nationals who are either in illegal status there or who travel illegally; we take them back once we receive details about them." "The update on the numbers is that since January of 2025, we have some 1080 Indians who have come back or who have been deported from the United States. Of these, around 62 per cent have come on commercial flights," he added. Mr Jaiswal also spoke about the current row involving the Trump administration and Harvard University. He noted that he is aware about the issues and the US government's updated guidance regarding Student and Exchange Visitor visa applicants.

**DIVISION BETWEEN US AND CHINA  
BIGGEST RISK WORLD FACES NOW:  
EMMANUEL MACRON**

**Diary Times Desk :** French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that division between the two superpowers, the United States and China, is the main risk currently confronting the world as he emphasized the need for building new coalitions between Paris and partners in the Indo-Pacific. Macron is visiting the region as France and the European Union aim to strengthen their commercial ties in Asia to offset uncertainty over U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff measures. "I will be clear, France is a friend and an ally of the United States, and is a friend, and we do cooperate - even if sometimes we disagree and compete - with China," said Macron, who was speaking at the Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier defence forum, alongside a two-day state visit to Singapore. The French president said Asia and Europe have a common interest in preventing the disintegration of the global order. "The time for non-alignment has undoubtedly passed, but the time for coalitions of action has come."

**"CAN'T GET FOOD FOR MY CHILDREN": CHAOS AT FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
SITES IN GAZA**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chaos erupted again Thursday as tens of thousands of desperate Palestinians in the Gaza Strip tried to collect food from distribution sites run by a new US- and Israeli-backed foundation. Multiple witnesses reported a free-for-all of people grabbing aid, and they said Israeli troops opened fire to control crowds. In central Gaza, Associated Press video showed smoke bombs arching through the air around a distribution center, and gunfire was audible as an Israeli tank moved nearby. Witnesses said it was Israeli troops who fired the projectiles to clear large crowds of Palestinians after the center ran out of supplies Thursday. "I came to get a sack of flour ... a sardine tin or anything," said Mahmoud Ismael, a man on crutches from an earlier leg injury who said he walked for miles to get to the center, only to leave empty-handed. "There is no food in my house, and I can't get food for my children," he said. Turmoil has plagued the aid system launched this week by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, which runs three distribution centers in the territory.

**US COURT TEMPORARILY PAUSES RULING  
THAT BLOCKED TRUMP'S TARIFF; WHITE  
HOUSE VOWS SUPREME COURT FIGHT**

**Diary Times Desk :** A US federal appeals court on Thursday said President Donald Trump can keep his tariffs in place for now, using emergency powers. This ruling comes after the administration challenged the previous ruling that blocked majority of his flagship economic policies. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington approved an urgent request from his team, which said stopping the tariffs would be "critical for the country's national security." Trump is facing several lawsuits which claim that his 'Liberation Day' tariffs went beyond what the law allows. On Wednesday, a three-judge panel from the US Court of International Trade ruled that Trump misused his powers by using the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act to declare a national emergency and set tariffs on imports from almost every country. The decision is a major blow to Trump, whose unpredictable trade moves have shaken financial markets across the world.

**TRUMP ADMIN ORDERS EXTRA VETTING OF  
VISA APPLICANTS LINKED TO HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY**

**Diary Times Desk :** The US State Department ordered all its consular missions overseas to begin additional vetting of visa applicants looking to travel to Harvard University for any purpose, according to an internal cable seen by Reuters on Friday, in a significant expansion of President Donald Trump's crackdown against the academic institution. In a cable dated May 30 and sent to all U.S. diplomatic and consular posts, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio instructed the immediate start of "additional vetting of any non-immigrant visa applicant seeking to travel to Harvard University for any purpose." Such applicants include but are not limited to prospective students, students, faculty, employees, contractors, guest speakers, and tourists, the cable said. Harvard University "failed to maintain a campus environment free from violence and anti-Semitism", the cable said, citing the Department of Homeland Security and therefore the enhanced vetting measures aim to help consular officers identify visa applicants "with histories of anti-Semitic harassment and violence."

**TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MAY  
ADD TEMPORARY TARIFFS OF  
UP TO 15% USING EXISTING  
LAW: REPORT**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Trump administration is thinking about putting temporary tariffs on many goods from around the world, according to a report from the Wall Street Journal on Thursday. The report says the US government may use an existing law that allows tariffs of up to 15% for a period of 150 days. People familiar with the matter told WSJ that no final decision has been made yet. The Donald Trump administration began considering a "Plan B" after its tariff strategy was "undermined" when a trade court blocked the tariffs, ruling that Trump had overstepped his authority. "The administration is considering a stopgap effort to impose tariffs on swaths of the global economy under a never-before-used provision of the Trade Act of 1974," according to the WSJ report. The act permits imposing tariffs of up to 15% for a duration of 150 days as a measure to tackle trade imbalances with other nations.

**SAUDI ARABIA SET FOR  
SEARING HAJJ WITH MORE  
SHADE, MISTING MACHINES  
AND AI**

**Diary Times Desk :** With artificial intelligence, more shade and misting machines, Saudi authorities are preparing to welcome more than a million hajj pilgrims amid punishing summer heat that has a deadly history in the holy city of Mecca. Saudi Arabia's hajj minister Tawfiq al-Rabiah told AFP on Thursday that efforts to mitigate the searing desert heat remained a top focus among authorities and organisers ahead of this year's pilgrimage. "One of the big challenges that we always face is the increasing temperature across the different years and this is an issue that we give top priority," he told AFP during an exclusive interview in Riyadh. The issue is all the more pressing as officials work to prevent a repeat of last year's hajj, which saw more than 1,300 pilgrims die as temperatures reached 51.8 degrees Celsius (125.24 degrees Fahrenheit). This year, Rabiah said authorities have mobilised more than 40 government agencies and 250,000 officials and doubled their efforts to mitigate heat-related risks. Shaded areas have been expanded by 50,000 square metres (12 acres), thousands more medics will be on hand, and more than 400 cooling units will be deployed for the duration of the hajj, he added. Such efforts build on the work of previous years that have seen renovations to areas around the Grand Mosque and asphalt areas covered with a special layer to help reduce surface.

## 5 KILLED, 29 INJURED IN BLAST AT FIRECRACKER FACTORY IN PUNJAB'S MUKTSAR

**Diary Times Desk** : Five people were killed and 29 injured as a blast occurred at an illegal firecracker factory near Fatuhiwala and Singhwala villages on the Singhwala-Kotli Road in Lambi segment of this district in the early hours of Friday. The explosion, which occurred around 1 am, was so severe that the two-storey building partially collapsed, trapping nearly 40 workers – most of them migrant labourers – under the debris. Arun Kumar, a worker, said, "We were sleeping after the night shift when all of a sudden a blast occurred and many of us got trapped under the debris. A new batch of workers had recently joined the factory." Rescue teams, including police and volunteers from several NGOs, rushed to the spot. At the time of filing this report, rescue operations were on. The cause of the blast is yet to be ascertained. Sources said the factory is owned by Tarsem Singh, who is affiliated with the AAP.



## LONG-TERM VISA APPLICATION OF PAKISTANI WOMAN TO BE DECIDED WITHIN 3 WEEKS: HC

**Diary Times Desk** : Amidst cross-border tensions, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the competent authority at the Centre to decide within three weeks the application of a Pakistani woman seeking a long-term visa to stay in India with her husband. The couple, who had solemnised marriage in India, was caught in a maze of paperwork, with their future hanging in limbo. The woman's husband, Sonu Masih, under the circumstances approached the court through counsel Jatinder Singh Gill, alleging that "indolent and lackadaisical approach" by the authorities concerned in processing her application pending since July 2024. In his petition placed before Justice Kuldeep Tiwari's bench, the husband was seeking directions to the Union of India and other respondents to consider application dated July 11 last year submitted by his wife for grant of long term visa "and to decide the same most expeditiously".

## CAN'T DEDUCT PAROLE FROM ACTUAL SENTENCE: HC STRIKES DOWN STATE FORMULA

**Diary Times Desk** : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that the period spent on parole cannot be deducted from the actual sentence undergone by a prisoner for the purpose of premature release. Justice Harpreet Singh Brar clarified that 'actual sentence' refers to the real time spent behind bars—including time as an undertrial and as a convict—while the parole period can only be deducted from the total sentence. The ruling comes as a significant setback for the state's interpretation of the Punjab Good Conduct of Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962. In its decision, the Bench observed that the formula devised by the state-level committee in its meeting dated March 16, 2020, which treated the parole period as a deduction from actual sentence, was illegal and beyond comprehension. "The formula prescribed in meeting dated July 16, 2020, is held to be invalid, being in direct contravention of Section 3 of the Act of 1962. The parole period shall only be subtracted from the total.

## VETERAN AKALI LEADER SUKHDEV DHINDSA CREMATED AT NATIVE VILLAGE IN PUNJAB'S SANGRUR

**Diary Times Desk** : Veteran Akali leader and former Union minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa was cremated with full state honours at his native Ubhawal village in Punjab's Sangrur district on Friday. Dhindsa died on Wednesday evening following age-related health issues at a private hospital in Mohali at the age of 89. His mortal remains were kept at his residence in Chandigarh on Thursday to allow people to pay their last respects after which they were brought to Sangrur on Friday where people turned out in numbers to pay their homage to the departed leader. Later, the last rites of the former Union Minister were performed at the family farmland in his native Ubhawal village in Sangrur. The funeral pyre was lit by his son Parminder Singh Dhindsa, who was the former Finance Minister in the erstwhile Akali government. Political leaders cutting across party lines paid tribute to veteran Akali leader. Among these included SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Punjab Minister and AAP state unit chief Aman Arora, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia, JJP chief Ajay Singh Chautala, Akali leader Prem Singh Chandumajra and former Punjab Minister Manpreet Singh Badal.

## ARMED ROBBERS STRIKE A PHAGWARA BANK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, LOOT RS 40 LAKH

**Diary Times Desk** : A brazen daylight armed robbery occurred at the HDFC Bank branch in Rihana-Jattan village, situated along the Phagwara-Hoshiarpur road, where approximately Rs 40 lakh was looted on Thursday afternoon. According to initial reports, the incident took place around 3.10 pm when three armed men arrived at the bank premises in a white car. Eyewitness accounts and preliminary investigations suggest that two suspects entered the bank while the third remained in the vehicle with the engine running, likely to facilitate a quick escape. Once inside, the armed assailants confronted the branch manager at gunpoint, forcing him to instruct the cashier, Lovepreet Kaur, to open the secure cash counter. Under duress, the staff complied, and the robbers swiftly gathered the available cash, estimated to be between Rs 38 and 40 lakh. The robbery was executed with precision and speed, reportedly lasting no more than three minutes. After collecting the cash, the two suspects exited the bank and rejoined their accomplice, who was waiting in the vehicle. The trio then fled the scene in the same white car, heading towards Hoshiarpur. Preliminary leads suggest that the robbers may have entered the area from Damali village.

## DAYS AFTER NOTIFYING CET, RULES FRAMED TO REGULATE CLASS C, D RECRUITMENT

**Diary Times Desk** : Days after notifying the Common Eligibility Test (CET)-2025, the government has rolled out new rules to regulate Group C and D recruitment through the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC). With transparency on mind, the rules—the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (Process of Recruitment of Group C and D posts) Rules, 2025—puts in place an institutional mechanism for the selection of regular staff for non-gazetted posts across various departments, boards and corporations. The rules assume importance as the government recently notified the CET, asking the candidates to apply between May 28 and June 12. While June 14 is the deadline for paying the application fee, the date of the exam is yet to be announced. Under the rules, a candidate of the reserved category would be considered for reservation benefits only if he has a domicile of Haryana, a notification by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi said.

## ADVOCATES FREE TO DRAFT DEEDS, LICENCE UNDER REGISTRATION ACT NOT NEEDED: HC

**Diary Times Desk** : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that advocates are not required to obtain licence from an authority designated under the Registration Act for drafting documents such as sale deeds, adoption deeds, wills and certificate of sales after charging fee. "The Advocates Act does not require any advocate to -- for the purpose of drafting sale deeds, adoption deeds, wills and certificate of sales etc on charging a fee -- obtain any licence from the authority designated under the Registration Act," Justice Kuldeep Tiwari ruled. Quashing the administrative directions issued by Sonepat Joint Sub-Registrar and Tehsildar, Justice Tiwari further ruled: "The petitioners, who are advocates enrolled with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, and also are members of the District Bar Association, Sonepat, can well perform the work of deed writing on hire basis." The Bench also made it clear that requiring advocates to obtain a licence under Punjab Document Writers Licensing Rules, 1961, would "undermine the independence of advocates, whose act and conduct can only be governed by the Advocates Act." Justice Tiwari categorically ruled: "The petitioner/advocates are not required to be put under jurisdiction of any authority.



**HIMACHAL POLICE SEIZE  
380 BOXES OF LIQUOR  
HIDDEN UNDER POTATO  
SACKS IN BILASPUR**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh Police seized 380 boxes of English liquor being smuggled illegally in a canter vehicle concealed under potato sacks in Bilaspur district, officials said on Friday. A case has been registered under the Excise Act and the driver has been taken into custody, they said. During a routine check at Garamoda on Thursday night, police intercepted the vehicle. The driver appeared nervous, which raised suspicion leading to a search of the vehicle that revealed the hidden liquor consignment, Rooplal Kathaniya, in-charge of Swarghat police station, said. Police said the driver, Pawan Kumar, from Mohal village in the Bhuntar area of Kullu district, failed to produce any documents related to the liquor consignment. The canter vehicle was carrying potato sacks, under which the liquor was concealed, they said, adding that further investigations are underway.

**20-YEAR-OLD'S ARREST  
OVER ESPIONAGE  
TRIGGERS NATIONAL  
SECURITY CONCERNS**

**Diary Times Desk :** A 20-year-old youth from Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh was arrested for allegedly spying for Pakistan, marking a disturbing incident that underscores the rising threat of digital espionage in the state. Abhishek Bhardwaj, a resident of Sukhahar village in Dehra, is now in police custody after officials arrested him acting on a tip-off that suggested his possible links with anti-national activities during a drive conducted when the Operation Sindoor was underway. According to the press release issued by Dehra Superintendent of Police Mayank Chaudhary, the arrest followed a preliminary investigation that uncovered sensitive documents and images on Bhardwaj's mobile device, sent for forensic analysis. The authorities believe that he transmitted data having sensitive and objectionable content through social media and online platforms. His Facebook account reportedly had over 3,000 contacts, many of whom were suspected to be based in Pakistan. Bhardwaj, who is a college dropout, is feared to have been radicalised or manipulated via the internet. During police interrogation.

**HAILSTORM, HEAVY RAINS LASH SHIMLA ON FRIDAY MORNING**

**Diary Times Desk :** Hailstorm followed by heavy rains lashed Shimla on Friday morning, causing inconvenience to school-going children. Dark convective clouds overcast the sky, reducing visibility to few metres and forcing vehicles to move at snail's pace with headlights on. The 40 minutes' heavy downpour that started around 7:20 am flooded choked drains in the town and garbage scattered on the roads. "The school buses were running late. I got totally drenched waiting for the bus," said Anjali, a class VI student. Heavy rains were also witnessed in Solan and Mandi. On Friday morning, the local MeT office predicted light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) at many places in the districts of Bilaspur, Solan, Shimla, Sirmaur, Una, Hamirpur, Mandi and one or two spells of intense rainfall and hail at likely isolated places in next three hours.

**CENTRE ANNOUNCED CEASEFIRE  
WITHOUT CONSULTING ARMED FORCES,  
ALLEGES CM SUKHU**

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday alleged that the Central Government declared a ceasefire with Pakistan without taking the three armed forces into confidence. "The Union Government declared a ceasefire without taking the three armed forces into confidence and shockingly, the announcement came through social media from a third country," he said addressing the 'Jai Hind Sabha' here. The chief minister said this is in stark contrast to the decisive leadership of former prime minister late Indira Gandhi, who never compromised with national security. Recalling the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, Sukhu said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was the first to offer unconditional support to the Union Government in the fight against terrorism, a statement issued here said. "Our brave soldiers gave a befitting reply to the terrorists," said Sukhu. The state government and people have always stood with the Indian armed forces, he added. Sharing a recent experience, the chief minister mentioned his recent visit to Sharchi village in Tirthan Valley, where he stayed at the home of former soldier — Subedar Major Anoop Ram. "Anoop Kumar discussed with me about the 1971 India-Pakistan war and recalled how the address of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

**KANGANA RANAUT'S OUTBURSTS: A  
LINGERING HEADACHE FOR BJP  
LEADERSHIP**

**Diary Times Desk :** Kangana Ranaut — actor and MP from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh — has emerged as a double-edged sword for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Though her star power and fiery oratory attract media attention and youth support, her repeated public outbursts have become a source of acute embarrassment and unease for both the central leadership and the Himachal Pradesh unit of the party. Some of the top BJP leaders in Shimla and Delhi, on the condition of anonymity, confided to this writer that repeated attempts at informal counselling and behind-the-scenes persuasion have proven futile. Kangana Ranaut continues to cross the proverbial 'Lakshman rekha' with impunity, often disregarding the party's code of public decorum and discipline. Her outbursts, they admit, have left the leadership red-faced on multiple occasions, especially when her remarks veer into foreign policy, national history, or internal politics — areas where uninformed or intemperate commentary carries wider consequences. Secondly, these leaders acknowledge that initiating any disciplinary action against her — such as a public reprimand, a show-cause notice or curtailing her party visibility — could backfire immensely.

**RELIGIOUS TOURISM: AC BUS SERVICE FROM CHAMUNDA DEVI TO VRINDAVAN  
LAUNCHED**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a move set to enhance religious tourism and strengthen inter-state connectivity, the Himachal Path Parivahan Nigam has launched a new air-conditioned bus service from the sacred Chamunda Devi Temple in Kangra district to the revered Vrindavan Dham in Uttar Pradesh. The ceremonial flag-off took place on Wednesday evening, led by RS Bali, Vice Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. Ajay Verma, Vice Chairman of Himachal Path Parivahan Nigam, was also present to mark the occasion. Bali emphasised the state government's commitment to developing Kangra as the "tourism capital" of Himachal Pradesh. He announced that the head office of the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Corporation will soon be shifted to Dharamsala, a move aimed at decentralizing tourism operations and boosting local pilgrimage circuits. "This bus service has been a long-standing demand of the people of Kangra. Not only will it ease travel for thousands of Himachali devotees heading to Vrindavan, but it will also encourage pilgrims from across India to explore the spiritual heritage of Kangra," Bali stated.



IPL 2025, GT VS MI IPL ELIMINATOR : HARDIK PANDYA-LED MUMBAI INDIANS WIN BY 20 RUNS, THROUGH TO QUALIFIER 2

**Diary Times Desk :** Mumbai Indians defeated Gujarat Titans by 20 runs in their IPL 2025 Eliminator clash, in New Chandigarh on Friday. Defending a target of 229 runs, MI restricted GT to 208/6 in 20 overs. Sai Sudharsan top-scored for GT, smacking 80 off 49 runs, but it wasn't enough as he didn't receive much support from the other batters. Meanwhile, Trent Boult struck twice for MI. MI are also through to Qualifier 2 and will face PBKS for a berth in the final. The match began with MI skipper Hardik Pandya won the toss and opted to bat. Opener Rohit Sharma top-scored for MI, registering 81 runs off 50 balls, packed with nine fours and four sixes. Prasidh Krishna and Sai Kishore bagged two-wicket hauls for GT. The winner of the clash moves on to Qualifier 2, where they will face PBKS for a spot in the final.



IPL SENSATION VAIBHAV SURYAVANSHI TOUCHES PM MODI'S FEET IN BEAUTIFUL BIHAR AIRPORT MEET

**Diary Times Desk :** Rajasthan Royals' 14-year-old sensation, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, rocked the cricketing world with his exemplary performances in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Though Rajasthan failed to qualify for the IPL finals, Suryavanshi remained the talk of the town, especially for his 35-ball hundred, scored against the Gujarat Titans. On Friday, however, Suryavanshi and his parents had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Bihar airport. The teenage batter even touched PM Modi's feet as a mark of respect. "At Patna airport, met the young cricketing sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi and his family. His cricketing skills are being admired all over the nation! My best wishes to him for his future endeavours," PM Modi posted on X (formerly Twitter), along with a few pictures with Vaibhav and his parents. Suryavanshi, who turned out for the Rajasthan Royals (RR) this season, has been one of the breakthrough stars of the tournament. In just seven matches, the teenager accumulated 252 runs, but it was his explosive century against Gujarat Titans (GT) in Jaipur that truly sent shockwaves through the cricketing world. Batting with a maturity well beyond his years, Suryavanshi hammered 101 off just 38 deliveries.

JASPRIT BUMRAH'S EMOTIONAL REVEAL AHEAD OF ENGLAND TESTS: "THIS JOURNEY WILL NOT ALWAYS GO ON..."

**Diary Times Desk :** Jasprit Bumrah is currently in action in the IPL 2025 for Mumbai Indians. After the T20 franchise league, the star fast bowler will be in action in the five-Test series against England. While it has been officially declared that Jasprit Bumrah will not be part of all the Tests, Bumrah's returns will be crucial. "Playing in England is always a different challenge," Bumrah told former Australia captain Michael Clarke on the Beyond23 cricket YouTube channel. "I always love bowling with the Dukes ball," he said. "But I don't know how much the Dukes ball is doing right now because there's always constant changes to the ball. But the weather, the swinging conditions. And then when the ball becomes soft, there's always a challenge. So I always look forward to playing in England." Bumrah is seen as a modern day great by former cricketers. After 45 Tests, Bumrah has 205 scalps. While statistically he may not be among the top bowlers historically, his profound impact over the last few years have made him the bowling spearhead. The 31-year-old has played 45 Tests, 89 ODIs and 70 T20Is so far for the country besides appearing in 143 IPL matches for Mumbai Indians. "This is a sport that I fell in love with. I went to Australia this time, and a lot of youngsters came up to me.

KL RAHUL SENDS SUDDEN ENGLAND TOUR MESSAGE TO BCCI AFTER IPL HEARTBREAK, REPORT SAYS HE WANTS TO...

**Diary Times Desk :** One of the most versatile cricketers in the game, KL Rahul, couldn't inspire his Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise, Delhi Capitals, to the competition's playoffs. DC eventually finished 5th, just one spot outside the knockouts, leaving players and fans debating about the 'what-if' moments. However, instead of sulking on the failed pursuit of the top 4, Rahul has reportedly decided to join international duty by making himself available for the India A tour of England. Rahul has reportedly told the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) that he wants to play for India A against England Lions in the second unofficial Test. The series gets underway with the first match starting on May 30 in Canterbury. While Rahul can't make the squad in time for that match, he is said to be keen on a place in the team for the second match. The intention has also been informed to the BCCI and the selection committee chief, Ajit Agarkar. "He will be flying on Monday and will be playing a second unofficial test with the India A side. As he is part of the senior men's team, which will be playing five Test matches in the series, these matches will give him game time and match practice," the Indian Express quoted a source as saying.



RICKY PONTING NAMES SURPRISE OPENER FOR AUSTRALIA IN WTC FINAL: "MIGHT BE PUSHED TO..."

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting believes that Marnus Labuschagne will "might be pushed" to open with regular opener Usman Khawaja for the next month's World Test Championship (WTC) final against South Africa at Lord's. While most of Australia's playing XI appears settled, a few key questions remain. There's uncertainty over who will open alongside Usman Khawaja, concerns over Labuschagne's recent lack of runs, decisions to be made about Cameron Green's role in the lineup, and a close call between Josh Hazlewood and Scott Boland for a spot in the pace attack. Earlier this month, Australia announced a strong 15-member squad for the upcoming summit clash, which begins on June 11. Head coach Andrew McDonald has stated he will finalise the playing XI only after the team assembles in London ahead of the match. "I have just got a bit of a feeling that Marnus Labuschagne might be pushed up the order to open the batting with Khawaja. I think Green will bat at three and Steve Smith will be at four. Then it's Travis Head five, Beau Webster six, Carey at seven, Cummins eight, Starc nine and Lyon 10," Ponting said on The ICC Review.

AMINUL ISLAM TAKES OVER AS NEW BCB PRESIDENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Aminul Islam, Bangladesh's former national skipper, has replaced Faruque Ahmed as the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), on Friday (May 30). BCB officials confirmed the development to Cricbuzz. He will be the 16th president of the board. "Our respected directors of the Cricket Board have elected me as the Board President. I received that call from the Honorable Sports Advisor. I was honoured. Now, I have received an even bigger responsibility," said Aminul. "We want to take Bangladesh cricket forward. I believe cricket is not played by just eleven players - it's played by the whole of Bangladesh. I hope we all play as one team. We've done it before - that's why we've played Test cricket for 25 years, won the U19 World Cup, and seen our women's team win the Asia Cup. We can aim even higher. We have the potential to achieve more. We are the Bangladesh team, and we all support our team. Let's work together to take Bangladesh cricket to greater heights. Once again, I thank all the directors of the Bangladesh Cricket Board. I also congratulate the two newly elected Vice Presidents - Fahim Sinha and Nazmul Abedin Fahim. This is the team we've formed, and we want to move forward.